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CARRIE HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMCITS

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1. FONMIN MALECELA CONFIRMED TO ME LAST NIGHT (23 MAY) THAT HE
HAD CALLED IN ZAIREN AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA MWENDA MUKANDA-BANTU
AS INDICATED REFTTEL.

2. MALECELA SAID HE IMPRESSED UPON ZAIREN AMB NEED FOR CO-
OPERATION ON WEST SIDE OF LAKE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ZAIREN
CONGEN IN KIGOMA TO PLAY MORE USEFUL ROLE. ZAIREN AMB WAS
TOLD OF TANGOV'S DESIRE TO DEVELOP ACTIVE JOINT ROLE IN SEARCH
EFFORT.

3. ZAIREN AMB SAID HE VERY MUCH AWARE OF DEFICIENCIES IN
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KIGOMA CONGEN AND THAT HE WOULD BE PROCEEDING KIGOMA SATURDAY

MAY 24 TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF OFFICE. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO BEEN CONTACTED BY KINSHASA ALONG THESE SAME LINES. FYI: OUR MEN IN KIGOMA REPORT NEED FOR COMMO FACILITY IN ZAIREN KIGOMA CONGEN AND WE HAVE PASSED THIS INFO TO ZAIREN EMBASSY HERE. A COMMO FACILITY IN ZAIREN CONGEN WOULD BE HELPFUL IN KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WEST SIDE OF LAKE AND KINSHASA.

4. EMBOFF CALLED ON ZAIREN AMB MORNING MAY 24 TO BRIEF HIM ON BASIC FACTS OF KIDNAPPING. AMB NOTED HIS MEETING WITH MALECELA AND SAID HE WILL ACTUALLY GO TO KIGOMA AFTERNOON MAY 25. WE SUGGESTED HE GET IN TOUCH WITH MACFARLANE/LUCIUS ON ARRIVAL. IN DISCUSSING CASE, AMB DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY THAT PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THERE WERE QTE REBELS UNQTE IN ZAIRE OR THAT THERE COULD BE QTE DESERTERS UNQTE FROM ZAIREN ARMY, SAYING THAT REBELLION HAD ENDED WITH MOBUTO AMNESTY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT KIDNAPPERS WERE ZAIREN OR HAD RETURNED TO ZAIRE, BUT ADMITTED THAT LEADERS OF FORMER REBELLIONS, SOUMIALO AND KABILA, WERE STILL AT LARGE WITH A FEW FOLLOWERS SOMEWHERE QTE BETWEEN TANZANIA AND ZAIRE UNQTE. SAID TANZANIANS HAD RECENTLY ARRESTED PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH ONE OF THESE GROUPS AND WERE HOLDING THEM AT KIGOMA, AND OPINED THAT SUFFICIENT INTERROGATION WOULD INDUCE THEM TO REVEAL LOCATION OF THEIR HIDEOUTS (SOUMIALO AND KABILA, THOUGH IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, ARE STILL ENEMIES AND MAINTAIN SEPARATE ESTABLISHMENTS).

5. ASKED ABOUT COMMO FACILITIES AT ZAIREN CONGEN IN KIGOMA, SAID TANGOV HAD AUTHORIZED RADIO INSTALLATION AND THAT TECHNICIANS INVOLVED NOW IN DAR, BUT DID NOT INDICATE WHEN SYSTEM WOULD BE OPERATIONAL. AMB CONCLUDED BY PROMISING FULL COOPERATION AND EXPRESSING BELIEF THAT IMPORTANT THING WAS SAFE RETURN OF STUDENTS.

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